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PRIORITY - ~~SECRET~~ - GENSER MESSAGE - 4907 CHARS - AMHS MSG NBR: 88-12
REFERENCE FROM COMIPAC HONOLULU HI SSN 0 AT 07 0540Z MAR87

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(U) THIS SUMMARY CONTAINS THREE ITEMS:

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2. ~~{H/M}~~ CHINA: MACAU REUNIFICATION

(AND PROBABLY THE LAST) OF SINO-PORTUGUESE NEGOTIATIONS ON MACAU IS THE FOURTH ROUND SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON 13 OR 16 MARCH. PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER CAVACO SILVA IS ALSO EXPECTED TO VISIT BEIJING TO SIGN THE FINAL AGREEMENT WITH CHINA ON THE STATUS OF MACAU. THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE FOR THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT IS ESTIMATED TO BE 11-12 APRIL.

PORTUGAL HAS ALREADY CONCEDED CHINA'S RIGHT TO THE TERRITORY. ADDITIONALLY, PORTUGAL REPORTEDLY HAS AGREED TO 1999 AS A TRANSITION DATE. THIS DATE WOULD SATISFY THE CHINESE DEMAND FOR SOVEREIGNTY IS NOT AN ISSUE SINCE

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